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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, help us to so live that the generations to come will know about Your mighty acts. Today give our lawmakers the singularity of heart to seek, find, and follow Your will so that their legacy will be exemplary.

Lord, guide them in the path You have created, inspiring them with the potency of Your powerful presence. May they trust You in times of adversity and prosperity, knowing that they will reap a productive harvest if they persevere. Keep them from underestimating the power of Your great Name as You make them instruments of Your peace.

Help us to not pray primarily in our distress and need but rather also in joy's fullness and in our gratitude for abundant living.

Lord, we ask for Your healing for the victims of the New York City and New Jersey explosions and the Minnesota stabbing attacks.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS). The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3348

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3348) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require candidates of major parties for the office of President to disclose recent tax return information.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

ATTACKS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, AND MINNESOTA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, over the weekend, several incidents that appear to be acts of terrorism left dozens injured and many across the country shaken. While we are thankful that no loss of life has been reported, we also know that the injured will face a difficult road to recovery and healing. Our prayers are with each of them and all of those affected in this trying time.

Authorities acted expeditiously to uncover the facts, and just hours ago they captured a suspect in connection to the New York and New Jersey bombings. We thank them for their swift ac-

tions and continued efforts to keep Americans safe. Although an arrest has now been made, there is still much we do not know about these incidents, including whether there was involvement of a terrorist organization overseas. Investigators are continuing their work even as we speak, and we are monitoring that situation closely as it unfolds.

No matter the motive behind these incidents, it is clear that we must do everything we can to bolster security measures and counter the threats facing our homeland. These acts are very real reminders of the national security threats and challenges that we face both from beyond our borders and from within. Ensuring the safety of all Americans remains our top priority, so we will continue to do our part in working with our intelligence community, military leaders, and our law enforcement personnel in their efforts to protect the American people.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Members have been working toward an agreement on a continuing resolution that will fund the government and provide critical resources to support veterans and combat Zika. Senate Republicans stand ready to move forward with this important measure now.

I encourage our colleagues across the aisle to work with us to complete the negotiations so we can advance this important measure.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CAPTAIN MATTHEW D. ROLAND

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I rise in honor of Kentucky's bravest young men, one of whom, Capt. Matthew D. Roland, of Lexington, KY, gave his life in service to our country on August 26, 2015.

Captain Roland was a proud airman and member of the 23rd Special Tactics

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